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SUBJECT:MESSAGE FOR FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES FROM THE  
SECRETARY

REF: QUITO 8786 AND 0082

1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY  
TO FOREIGN MINISTER LUCIO PAREDES:
2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER: AMBASSADOR BREWSTER  
HAS CONVEYED TO ME YOUR LETTERS OF DECEMBER 23 AND JANUARY
3. I APPRECIATE YOUR KIND WORDS. FULL AND FRANK EXCHANGES  
AMONG ALL OF US ARE INDEED APPROPRIATE AS WE PREPARE FOR  
THE FORTHCOMING BUENOS AIRES CONFERENCE.
4. I PARTICULARLY WANT TO ASSURE YOU THAT YOUR CANDOR IN  
STATING ECUADOR'S CONCERNS OVER SOME OF THE PROVISIONS  
IN THE UNITED STATES TRADE ACT OF 1974 IS WELCOME. AS  
YOU MAY KNOW, THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF MY GOVERNMENT  
VIGOROUSLY OPPOSED THE RESTRICTIVE MEASURES WHICH WERE  
INTRODUCED IN TITLE V OF THE ACT. I PERSONALLY EMPHASIZED  
THAT OPPOSITION IN SPEAKING TO THE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE  
FINANCE COMMITTEE.

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5. IN OUR SYSTEM THE PRESIDENT CANNOT REJECT INDIVIDUAL FEATURES OF LEGISLATION WITH WHICH HE IS NOT IN SYMPATHY. NOR WAS THE PRESIDENT IN A POSITION TO VETO THE LAW ENTIRELY, SINCE TO DO SO WOULD HAVE LEFT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WITHOUT AUTHORITY TO UNDERTAKE IMPORTANT TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. THE PRESIDENT DID, HOWEVER, MAKE HIS POSITION ON THESE PROVISIONS CLEAR AT THE TIME HE SIGNED THE ACT. HE SAID: QUOTE THE UNITED STATES NOW JOINS ALL OTHER MAJOR INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES THROUGH THIS LEGISLATION IN A SYSTEM OF TARIFF PREFERENCES FOR IMPORTS FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ALTHOUGH I REGRET THE RIGIDITY AND UNFAIRNESS IN THESE PROVISIONS, ESPECIALLY WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES. I AM NOW UNDERTAKING THE FIRST STEPS TO IMPLEMENT THIS PREFERENCE SYSTEM BY THIS SUMMER; MOST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES ARE CLEARLY ELIGIBLE AND I HOPE THAT STILL BROADER PARTICIPATION CAN BE POSSIBLE BY THAT TIME. END QUOTE.

6. THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH IS CURRENTLY EXAMINING THE NEW LAW TO DETERMINE EXACTLY HOW IT MUST BE CARRIED OUT. THE ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PREFERENCE PROVISIONS WILL TAKE A NUMBER OF MONTHS TO CLARIFY AND TO COMPLETE. IN THE PROCESS, WE WILL BE ALERT TO CLEAR CASES OF INEQUITABLE TREATMENT, AND WE WILL CONSULT IMMEDIATELY AFTER CONGRESS RECONVENES WITH ITS LEADERSHIP TO SEEK WAYS TO RECTIFY INSTANCES OF MANIFEST INJUSTICE.

7. WE ARE, OF COURSE, DEEPLY CONSCIOUS OF THE FACT THAT ECUADOR IS A DEVELOPING COUNTRY WITH URGENT AND WELL-LAID PLANS TO BROADEN ITS AGRICULTURAL AND INDUSTRIAL BASES AND TO EXPAND ITS EXPORT INDUSTRIES. MY GOVERNMENT SYMPATHIZES WITH ECUADOR'S ASPIRATIONS AND WISHES TO BE HELPFUL. IT IS OUR HOPE THAT THE TRADE ACT OF 1974 WILL, IN FACT AND OVER TIME, PROVE USEFUL TO ECUADOR IN THE PURSUIT OF ITS DEVELOPMENT THROUGH EXPANDED TRADE.

8. I HAVE RESPONDED TO YOUR LETTERS IN THE SAME SPIRIT OF CANDOR, IN THE HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE OUR JOINT EFFORTS TOWARD CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE PROBLEMS BETWEEN US. IN THIS CONNECTION, ALL OF US WILL REGRET  
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THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT HAS THOUGHT IT NOT APPROPRIATE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS NEXT MARCH IN BUENOS AIRES UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES. YOUR ABSENCE WOULD BE DEEPLY FELT BY THOSE WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THE FURTHERANCE OF THE DIALOGUE AND WHO HAVE PROFITED FROM ECUADOR'S CONTRIBUTION TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF THAT DIALOGUE. I HOPE THAT PERHAPS THE CONSIDERATIONS ADVANCED IN THIS CABLE PERMIT A REVIEW OF YOUR DECISION.

ABOVE ALL WE WILL MISS YOUR SKILLS AND STATESMANSHIP.

9. SINCERELY, HENRY A. KISSINGER END TEXT. KISSINGER

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